PLEAS FOR NATIONAL THEATRE

COMMISSIONER M'ADOO AND OTIS SKINNER SPEAK.

Meeting of the Society at the Majestle Theatre-Prof. Baker of Columbia Says the Drama is Moral—The Project Succeed, Mr. Skinner Says.

meeting, arranged by the National Art Theatre Society, in the interest of an endowed national playhouse, was held at the Majestic Theatre, the use of which was eiven by Stair & Wilbur, last evening. oseph I. C. Clarke, the head of the society sided, and the speakers were Prof. Franklin T. Baker of Columbia University. Otis Skinner, Mrs. Sarah Cowell Lemoyne and Police Commissioner McAdoo.

The audience, which nearly filled the playhouse, contained many well-known players. Those in the pit and those on the platform were unanimous for a national

Prof. Baker, the first speaker, said in

The drama preserves the best speech. Therefore it is an educator of the first rank. It is a teacher of good morals, whether we are willing to admit it or not. Therefore it is a handmaid of religion. It is a fact that the ethical spirit is in all modern dramas. If you don't believe it, go down any night to a Bowery theatre and listen to the cheers of the newsboys at the triumph of virtue over vice and the death of the villain. I mention these attributes because they suggest the need of a home where in the drama they may find their highest expression. Appetites are made from what they feed on, and if we had a national art theatre, where only the best dramatic art in author and in actor would be found, the public demand for good things instead of rubbish, at the playhouse would be so great that all managers could afford to produce only the best.

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Mr. Skinner was introduced as one of few actors is any land who can really i blank verse. He said:

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When this project of a national art theatre was first called to my attention I said that I thought the idea was interly impractical and was doomed to failure. Since expressing that opinion I have changed my mind. I have come to the conclusion that a national art theatre would be not only a good thing, but that it could be made to pay.

Some have advocated the creation of a National Art Theatre because it would make possible the production of the best in dramatic art, in spite of the sordid commercialism of the managers. Now I don't think it's a good thing to decry commercialism. I has its uses and is often essentially useful. What it needs is to be enlightened with an enlightened commercialism almost anything would be possible in art, even in dramatic art. Let us have a National Art, Theatre, but do not let us insist on producing literature.

Let us have a National Art. Theatre, but do not let us insist on producing literature there. Let us produce there the drama which is life. For say what you will, the drama must first of all be entertaining.

That is what it is for Have your literature pill, if you will, but coat it Coat it with sympathy, with tenderness, with the world's sunshine and the world's love, and then you will have a fit gospel for a fit temper.

And such a drama will pay. It paid Shakespeare. You must not forget that Shakespeare was a manager and a dramatist, as well as the greatest of English poets. But the poor man couldn't help that. God made him so, Haughter! Let us have a great drama. Let us encourage literary genius. Let us be patrons of real art. But do not let us despise too much our commercialism. When we have such a drama in such a theatre, I can innaring the modern Polonius say to his son Lacetes, Just out of Harvard: "Sell thyself to the highest bidder. And it must follow, as the night the day, That thou cans't not fall down And tumble all over thyself."

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The influence of the stage on the minds and the morals of our people is so great that I am astonished that the rich men of the country who pour out so much for art do not take this matter of a national theatre to heart and endow it as it should be endowed.

Just think of it: The Church has a chance to get at the public one day in seven. The theatre reaches them every night in the week, with two matiness thrown in The press is a great civilizer, but I want to tell you that it han't the last word, in spite of its insistency.

will climb to a roof and down a chimney to get into a theatre.

Of course, we want a national theatre, as Mr. Skinner says, where we shall find entertainment. We don't want to turn a theatre into a morgue, but we do want a theatre which shall put upon its boards men and women trained by the best trainers for the highest exposition of the dramatic art.

Furthermore, we want a national art theatre where there can be produced a rousing, healthy, vigorous American drama. And we want that drama enacted by artists. The stage is crowded to the footlights to-day with actresses who belong to the most exclusive fashionable set, don't you know, and who had marital mix-ups and misfortunes. It has actors who discovered themselves and in the discovery found geniuses. [Great laughter.]

A national theatre is as much hereist as a university or a theological seminary. Men are carefully prepared for the Church, and that is well. Men are carefully prepared for all of the learned professions. Therefore, why shouldn't men be prepared for the theatre, an institution which wields such an enormous influence for good or evil on the lives of so many members of the community?

Mrs. Le Moyne spoke with notes. She appeared to be suffering considerably from stage fright.
"While it is my business," she said, "to speak pieces on the stage, I have concluded that itswill be best for you and best for me if I read what I have to say regarding the

Mrs. Le Moyne then suggested that the Mrs. Le Moyne their magainst promoters theatre be not founded until its promoters that they wanted. She said that knew what they wanted. She said that in connection with the theatre there should an annual declamation festival to increase the interest in the well nigh lost art eclamatory speaking.

DEAL WITH TIN PLATE MEN.

Steel Corporation to Furnish Billets and Hars to English Manufacturers.

PITTRBURG, Pa., Jan. 24.-An agreemen has been reached between the United States Steel Corporation and the British tin plate manufacturers whereby the Steel Trust will supply the tin corporation with steel billets and bars, and in return the American interests will not invade the market now controlled by the British tin plate makers. This is emphasized by the fact that the warehouses of the Steel corporation are filled to their utmost capacity with finished plates and that the canning industries of the Pacific Coast and the British Columbia trade are still being supplied with Welsh plates.

The arrangement was forced through the policy of the American Tin Plate Company of getting their workmen to accept reduction of wages equivalent to 25 per cent. on all tin plates supplied for export purposes. This money was held back for a time by the American Tin Plate Company, but the stock has never been sold and the company has notified the Amalgamated Association that no further rebates will be necessary. When the Welsh tin plate makers understood that the American mills could undersell them, they were ready to

Previous to this the German billet makers had captured the bulk of the Welsh billet and bar trade which now goes to the United States Steel Corporation.

WANTED TO KILL A PRIEST. Man Has a Violent Struggle With an As-

sistant Priest in a Rectory. TAUNTON, Mass., Jan. 24. - Terrence Hylen, a metal polisher, was arrested to-day on a warrant charging him with threatening to kill the Rev. James Coyle, pastor of St

The arrest followed a desperate struggle between Hylen and the Rev. Mortimer Downing at the rectory last night, when Hylen tried to shoot the latter for not tellng him where Father Coyle was at

Hylen conceived the idea last November that Father Coyle had placed a curse upon him, and threatened several times to kill the priest unless he removed it.

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RUSH RELIEF TO BURNED TOWN

STEAMER LEAVES HAMBURG FOR AALESUND WITH FOOD.

Others to Follow-Kalser Starts the Mov ment to Care for the Suffering Norwegians-Few Houses Left Standing Little Property Was Saved.

Special Cable Desputch to THE SUN. HAMBURG, Jan. 24.-The Hamburg-American Line steamer Phornicia sailed to-day for Aalesund, Norway, which was destroyed by fire yesterday morning, entailing a loss of \$5,000,000. The Phœnicia earries a full cargo for the relief of the sufferers. It consists of 4,000 food rations. clothing, bedding, blankets and medicine. The steamer also took three doctors and twelve nurses.

The North German Lloyd steamer Weimar takes a similar cargo of relief stores. The German cruiser Prinz Heinrich will safl from Kiel for Aalesund to-morrow, taking four doctors and medical stores. Emperor William took the initiative

in asking the Hamburg-American and North German Lloyd lines to cooperate for the

The fire practically wiped out the entire town, only a few scattered houses being left standing. All the public buildings except the hospital were destroyed. Over twenty steam fishing boats and many sailing smacks in the harbor were sunk to save them from the flames, but three caught and burned

It is believed that three persons were killed. Many of the inhabitants are leaving the place permanently.

King Oscar and Queen Sophia have subscribed 6,000 kroner to aid the sufferers and many private subscriptions have been made for the same purpose.

Most of the inhabitants lost everything they possessed. There is very little insurance. Thousands of persons are homeless. The victims had to spend twentyfour hours in the open fields in a storm of wind and rain without food.

The fire spread with terrific speed. In less than two hours the greater part of the town was burned to the ground. The people at first tried to save their property, but soon found enough to do to save themselves. The panic was such that all attempts at leaders hip or discipline were out of the question. There were no excesses, how-

COL. LYNCH RELEASED.

Irishman Who Fought With Boers Had Served a Year for Treason.

Special Cable Despatch to TER SUN. LONDON, Jan. 24.-Col. Arthur Lynch. who was sentenced to life imprisonment for high treason for fighting with the Boers against the British in the Transvaal, and who previously to his arrest was elected to the House of Commons from an Irish

DRURY LANE UNSAFE. Chicago Fire Stirs the London Theatres Committee to Activity

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN LONDON, Jan. 24 .- The Theatres Committee of the London County Council has reported that the Drury Lane Theatre cannot be considered safe from the danger of fire. It says that the seats are too close together and people are allowed to sit on the steps of the gangways. It also says that when an officer inspected the building on Jan. 8 he found some of the outer gates of the side exits chained and

The Council will consider the report on Tuesday next.

> Twenty Moros Slain Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

MANILA, Jan. 24.- A despatch from Gen. Wood telling of the fight between a band of Moros and a detachment of the Twentysecond Infantry, commanded by Major Bullard, in which Lieut, Campbell E. Flake was killed and Lieut. William E. Roberts and Private Charles Foy wounded, says that the Americans finally charged the Moros and killed twenty of them.

Reigning Duke of Anhalt Dead.

Special Cable Desputch to THE SUN. BERLIN, Jan. 24.-Friedrich, the reigning Duke of Anhalt, died at Dessau, the capital of Anhalt, to-day. He was born in 1831.

He is succeeded by his son Friedrich, who is married to the Princess Marie of Baden. He is 48 years old.

YALE ATHLETES ON CEREAL DIET.

Eight of Them Join the Squad of Regulars Who Are Taking the Treatment. New Haven, Jan. 24.-Eight Yale athetes have just been added to the squad of United States regulars taking the vegetable and cereal diet under Dean Russell H. Chittenden of the Sheffield Scientific School. The regulars have been taking the pre-

scribed diet several months, and their condition, weight, and so forth, has been daily The eight Yale men will be subjected to the same treatment, only in their cases they will continue with their studies and their athletic work. The diet precludes any meat. The Yale men will be carefully watched and weighed every day and in case of any serious changes in their physical condition they will be ordered back on a condition they will be ordered back on a

The Wreck of the Augustus Hunt Complete. QUOGUE, L. I., Jan. 24.-The wreck of the schooner Augustus Hunt is complete. Capt. Robert Blair, who was the regular

commander of the schooner, arrived here rom Boston at noon to-day. He surveye loated ashore last night as that of William Conary, who was in command of the schooner on her trip. Eight bodies are

To Cure a Cold in One Day. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All Drug-glets refund the money if it falls to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is one sech box. 25.—Adv.

RACE PROBLEM NEAR SOLUTION

INDUSTRIAL INSTITUTES ARE SETTLING IT, SAYS M. K. JESUP.

Praises the Negro's Fatthfulness and Prophesies the Speedy Ending of His Troubles—R. C. Ogden, Appealing for Hampton Institute, Not So Sanguine.

Two meetings were held in this city yesterday in the interest of the Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute at Hampton, Va., one in the afternoon in the Brick Presbyterian Church and the other in the evening at the West End Collegiate Church. One of the speakers at the afternoon meeting was Morris K. Jesup, who took a most popeful view of the race problem.

Mr. Jesup said that the race problem might not be solved in this generation, but that it will be solved ultimately, to the satisfaction of all concerned, he said he did not doubt and believed that the cleaning up of the tangled question is going to be accomplished by the enlightenment and advancement of the negro along industrial lines-along the lines represented by Hampton Institute and similar schools the South. Said he:

Just think a minute about the negro race. It is a race not to be despised. Compare the negro race at the time of the civil war with the serfs of Russia. The negroes were docte, kind hearted and loving, the protectors of their masters' houses when the latter were on the battlefield.

What are the negroes? There are some criminals among them, but only 20,000 of the whole 10,000,000 are known to be such. Compare the percentage based on those figures with the proportion of white people who are criminals. The welfare of the negro race should be on every Christian heart. It is a great question—this of the negro's social status—and if it is to be solved it will be solved, not by violence and pressure, but by the government of Jesus Christ. I do not believe the problem will be settled in this generation, but the people of the present can prepare the way for its future solution by contributing to the support of such institutions as Hampton, which teach the negro to take care of his body and soul and instruct him how to see rightly with his eyes and work with his hands.

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The negro race must have industrial training. The South can't get along without them. They are there to stay, and the more valuable they become to the white man the more surely they establish their social freedom. Before long I believe the sun will rise, the classification of the stability of the stabilit the clouds break and we shall have with race, not equal to the white race, but a race which we shall cherish and honor and care for Hamilton W. Mabie, the Rev. Dr. Friesell Hamilton W. Mable, the Rev. Dr. Frissell, president of the institute, Major R. R. Moton, also of the institute, and the Rev. Dr. W. R. Richards also spoke. Mr. Mable said he believed the time would come when the people of the South would be erecting statues of Gen. Armstrong, the founder of Hampton Institute, in their cities alongside

Hampton Institute, in their cities alongside the statues of Washington, Jefferson, Jackson and other heroes.

At the evening meeting Robert C. Ogden, president of the board of trustees, Edgar G. Murphy of Alabama, the Rev. Dr. Frissel, and Major Motin were the speakers. Orden talked of the echool as it

ow and as it was when he first knew

In part he said:

We have not begun to reach the settlement, of the race problem. Silent forces are now at work which will succeed if they are granted peace and quiet and are not hampered by strife and dissension. These forces will make for peace and happiness in the future.

To-day Hampton is the centre of clear thinking on the race problem. It has always been the point of the broadest thought and the most generous public spirit for the uplifting of the colored people. For these reasons the institution should commend itself to the careful thought of all who are interested in this work.

But Hampton has a broader significance than the education of the negro and the Indian. It is a great experiment in industrial education. It was the original conception of Gen. Armstrong's genius that work should be a character builder. Such work reaches its greatest value in technical education, an education of things rather than of books, the arithmetic learned by handling bricks. The whole nation owes a debt of gratitude for the example Hampton is giving of a practical education. Ordinary schools cannot produce such teachers as are needed. Only Hampton can turn them out. Five millions are nothing when compared with the number educated. Some of the Southern States spend one-half of the money received from taxes on education, and this sum only amounts to 33 per child. New York spends 524 on each scholar. When the limit of taxation can only provide 32 what is to be decad. In part he said:

to 33 per child. New York spends \$24 each scholar. When the limit of taxas can only provide \$3, what is to be done? whole North and private liberality members to be sometimes to be supported to the work. Hampton with its perty and inadequate endowment comes us with an unmatched appeal.

ROSE CAHILL A MYSTERY. A 875 Deposit, Grown to \$1,000, Awaite Dead Policeman's Friend.

Rose Cahill, if alive or if dead, her heirs will be benefited; lived for years with the late Patrick Cuilen, a policeman on Harrison street, Brooklyn. Charles F. Brandt, attorney, 375 and 379 Fulton street, Brooklyn, New York city. ney, 375 and s. New York city.

Every once in a while since 1900 this notice has appeared in the newspapers, the latest publication being yesterday, but the desired information concerning Rose or her heirs has not been forthcoming. Lawver Brandt is about convinced that there was never such a person as this Rose Cahill, as he has failed to find anybody who remembers her.

The reason why Rose or her heirs is wanted Cullen, who died in 1874, had among his effects a pass book on a Brooklyn savings bank which read "Patrick Cullen for Rose Cahill." The book showed but one deposit, that of \$75, made in 1868, but the interest which of \$75, made in 1963, but the interest which has since accrued has brought the account up to \$1,000. There are in Brooklyn two grandchildren of Cullen who want to get the money, but are barred because it is a

Cullen was pretty well known in South Brooklyn where he was called the "gentle-man cop" from his habit of wearing a high silk hat when not on police duty. He held one of the soft snaps at Police Headquarters in 1872 by appointment of the then Commissioner Briggs. His home was in a little house at the foot of Harrison street. Shortly after he came here from Ireland in 1858 his wife died and two years after his own death his only son Andrew, who had always lived at home, also died.
"I'm working in the interest of the grand-children," said Lawyer Brandt last night. "and if necessary to get this money for them I will attack this trust deposit in a suit. It's strange that so many old men and women I've seen who knew Cullen so well don't know this Rose Cahill and never heard of her. Cullen left a \$3,000 savings bank deposit of his own, and why he should have started another account for a woman hom nobody knows is a mystery."

The lawyer admits that his publication was a little misleading as to the statement that Rose Cahill lived with Cullen. There is no knowledge of that.

\$24,000,000 FOR GOOD ROADS. National Good Roads Association to Urge Congress to Pass Pending Bill.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.-A meeting committee of the National Good Roads Association will be held here to-morrow to arrange for hearings before the Senate and House Committees on Agriculture, for the purpose of urging that national aid be given to the movement for good

Two bills are before Congress, each appripriating \$24,000,000 to be allotted to the States according to population and on the consideration that the States contribute dollar for dollar. The committee authorized to present this subject to Con-gress by the association at its last session n St. Louis in April, 1903. Representatives will be in attendance to-morrow.

Unoficial Labor Testimonial to Pallas. A committee of three was appointed yeserday to act in conjunction with a committee of the Building Trades section of the Central Federated Union in getting up a testimonial to Park Commissioner John J. Pallas. The presentation is to be made next Sunday. The C. F. U. as a body does

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ODELL HERE PICKING OUT MEN

WANTS C. VANDERBILT FOR COUNTY COMMITTEE ANGEL.

His Friends Say He Controls 15 of 35 Assembly Districts in This County -Chairman Murray Back From Seeing

Gov. Odell had talks vesterday with Republicans at the Fifth Avenue Hotel and eleewhere, and the information followed that he was greatly interested in knowing the men who are to be the delegates to the Republican national convention from the ten Congress districts in New York county and the six Congress districts in Kings. For a little over a month Gov. Odell has given a good deal of time to selecting the men from certain Congress districts above the city line. It has been announced that with the approval of President Roosevelt Gov. Odell's personal friend, Edward H. Harriman, is to be one of the delegates from the Twentieth Congress district, which is made up of the counties of Rockland, Orange and Sullivan.

Concerning those to go from this county one of the Governor's intimates said last night that only three of the twenty have been practically agreed upon: Elihu Root, to go from the Thirteenth; Cornelius N. Bliss. who lives in the Thirteenth but will who go from another district, and Charles H. Murray, president of the New York Republican county committee, to be elected as one of the delegates from the Ninth. Timothy L. Woodruff, after his talk with Gov Odell, is to look out for the twelve delegates from Kings, and Mr. Woodruff and Deacon William Berri are the only two who have been agreed upon.

Gov. Odell has, on this visit, given much time to hunting up a treasurer for the New York Republican county committee. The place has been offered to a number of Republicans who declined it. Gov. Odell is now trying to induce Cornelius Vanderbilt to take it and in this matter the Governor has resorted to his old tactics in Newburg city politics. Some time ago Gov. Odell's friends announced that Mr. Vanderbilt would be a good candidate for Congress in the Thirteenth district, now represented by a Democrat, Francis Burton Harrison. The district has been considered normally Republican. Mr. Harrison won by only 1,537 over James W. Perry, who thought ventions. His friends have said he desired to enter political life and have spoken of him as a man of parts. It turns out, though, according to the best information last night. that if Gov. Odell can coax Mr. Vanderbilt into accepting the treasurership of the county committee he "may give Mr. Vanderbilt the nomination for Congress in the Burton Harrison district With the treasurer of the New York Re-

publican county committee it is "all put in and no take out. Gov. Odell has been developing his ideas concerning the new Republican county com-mittee of 500, which is to be elected at the primaries in August. It was the Governor's desire that the new county committee shall have an advisory and an advisory law committee as now provided for, and Republi-cans said last night that each committee is to consist of five members to be appointed by President Murray, furthermore that Cornelius N. Bliss had been invited to bemember of the advisory committee come a member of the advisory committee and Paul D. Cravath to be one of the ad-visory law committee. Mr. Murray re-turned last night from Washington, where he conferred with President Roosevelt and Senator Platt. It was said that the President desired to discuss the political situation in New York city with Mr. Murray and so Senator Platt sent word to Mr. Mur.

ray. Mr. Murray did not care to speak of his visit to President Roosevelt Gov. Odell's friends who talked with him said that he had been too busy on this visit looking to the routine matters of the county committee and discussing the wisdom of an excise referendum for the greater city to give serious thought to the question whether or not the State convention in whether or not the State convention in April shall adopt resolutions instructing the delegates for President Roosevelt. Gov. Odell's frames said that he controls eighteen of the thirty-five Assembly dis-

tricts in New York county.

It was again reported that Gov. Odell was to appoint McDougall Hawkes to be one of the five practical expert engineers to begin spending the \$101,000,000 on the Erie Canal scheme.

REFORM AND GRILL ROOM, TOO. Prospectus of Reform Club Preliminary to a Call for Dues.

A circular to members of the Peform Club. which club was recently rent by a discussion of the point: "Shall we devote ourselves exclusively to reform, or shall we also keep a café and other social' adjuncts? has been sent out as follows:

DEAR SIE: The call for the payment of dues has been delayed until this late date dues has been delayed until this late date in order that a concurrent statement might be furnished to all the members informing them of the future programme of our club. Our new house, 2 East Thirty-fifth street, is almost ready for use, and formal notice of the opening will shortly be sent to you. In this house we shall maintain all the committees and libraries which we have hitherto maintained in sengrate establishments. This mittees and intraries which we have hitherto maintained in separate establishments. This will enable the club to work unfettered to secure the adoption of the political and economic principles for which it stands, and here we shall be able to proceed with that work more actively than ever before.

Incidentally to the important political and economic work of the club, we shall maintain and furnish social features, such as billiards.

and furnish social features, such as and furnish social features, such as billiards, a bar, cigars, and a restaurant in the form of a la carte lunches and dinners, and perhaps breakfasts. We are now preparing plans for a very attractive grill room, where we shall provide particularly good service and food. By these means we shall fuse into a closer and more effective union than has hitherto existed the social and political energies of the club and we shall thereby make from George E. Best, Commissioner of ergies of the club, and we shall thereby make he strongnou or confidently to its members. The chib looks confidently to its members to lend their aid to this work, not only by confidently the income derived from dues active in

to lend their aid to this work, not only by maintaining the income derived from dues, but especially by manifesting an active interest in the advancement of the principles for which the chib stands. With his programme the chib must, within its chosen province, continue to be the nucleus of sound economic and political doctrine throughout the land. Yours truly,

L. Carrots-Reer, Secretary.

POLITICS. KANSAS STYLE.

Buckeye Bill Fisher Tells Gov. Balley How He Carried an Election. TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 24.-In a political

contest in Jackson county yesterday, in thich two Republican factions battled for supremacy, the Kansas way of winning viccries was graphically illustrated by Buckeye Bill Fisher, who led the forces of the successful candidates. Fisher weighs 400 pounds. He came to Topeka to-day to tell his friend, Gov. Bailey, about the great victory. This is what he said:

*We converted more Democrats in Holton esterday than for the forty years previous. We got almost all of them over. would walk up to the polls like little men, swear that they would support the Republican ticket and would put in their little ballots. We not only converted them to Republicanism, but to the machine element of the Republican party. It was a great day for Republicanism.

"I was also busy hiring men to saw wood for me. I reckon I hired a hundred or more. Paid them in advance. Told them to come round Monday. I have only got three cords of wood at home, and it won't ake them long to saw it. I heard of a family of three voters down in the country who intended to vote for the other side I drove down to see them I had a mortgage on their mule team.

'And so you are going to vote for Walker, are you?' said I. *They said they had promised to do so.

* Well, you had better change your

"But we have given our promises." said one "Well, now if you can't vote for my side you had better haul hav and not go near

the polls. If you do go to the polls and vote for Walker, why, just drive that mule team on which I hold mortgage to Holton the next day I will need it in my business." *Those three voters hauled hav. They did not care to lose that team. I tell you we had to work all sorts of schemes to beat that man Walker, but we beat him."

TO CAUCUS IN MARYLAND.

moerats Decide to Try to End the Senatorship Fight-Smith's Chances Better. BALTIMORE, Jan. 24.-At a conference here to-day attended by the Democratic leaders, over which Senator Gorman presided, it was decided to allow the balloting for United States Senator to continue in open session to-morrow and Tues-day and then to hold a caucus on Tuesday he had a cinch and made no campaign. Inght when all of the organization people Mr. Vanderbilt has been a delegate to Re-This course was decided upon when it was demonstrated that Bernard Carter could not secure the required number of votes to win the nomination. There is no doubt that the Smith people will consent to a caucus if convinced that they will get a square deal. The Democratic leaders inest that the balloting must be secret. The Rayner people say they in-tend to fight for a viva voce vote to a finish. and if they secure the cooperation of Gov. Smith's friends they can win. It is more than probable, however, that the Smi men will give in to the demands of t leaders, who say they cannot afford establish the precedent of voting in the open. If they do not break faith with open. If they do not break faith with Smith the latter's nomination is considered

> HASN'T JOINED HEARST FORCES. George Fred Williams of Massachusetts

Makes a Second Denial of a Rumor. Boston, Jan. 24.—Regarding a despatch from New York yesterday, in which it was asserted that George Fred Williams had joined the Hearst forces and that William Jennings Bryan had already enlisted in the Hearst cause, Mr. W

"I have already denied that story, and so has Mr. Bryan. It is ridiculous to think that Mr. Bryan is in the employ of Mr. Hearst, booming him for the nomination for President. Mr. Bryan has repeatedly stated that he is advocating no particular candidate. I think that it is apparent to even the casual reader of the newspapers that Mr. Bryan has said that he do insist on the party making silver the lead-ing issue in the coming campaign. He has said that the Kansas City platform is sound Democratic doctrine and that it is the duty of the Democrats to indorse it."

GAS KILLS RHEUMATISM CURER.

'Dr." John La Platt Lay Dead for Days in His Room. "Dr." John La Platt, as he was known

to the boarders in the house at 37 West Ninth street, was found dead in his room on the top floor there vesterday from asphyxiation by gas. He had been dead since Tuesday, it is believed. Dr. La Platt was 70 years old and came to the boarding house last June. He sold

a cure for rheumatism. Nobody knew much about him, except that he was born in France and had lived years ago in Chicago. The old man had told those in the house that he was going away on Tuesday for a visit. His door was found locked and it was supposed he had gone. Afterward tenants noticed a smell of gas and the land-

lady sent to the gas company for a man to look for leaks. He didn't find any. Yesterday Walter Andrews, a boarder, inves-tigated and found that the gas came from La Platt's room. The old man was found dead in bed. He had a gas stove from which gas was escaping. A blanket was over the window, but they say it was his custom to cover the window in that way to stop a draught. Lies About the Calsson Workers. A letter was received at yesterday's meeting of the Central Federated Union

Bridges, stating that there was no foundation or the charge made by the Caisson Workers' Union that the men employed at the New York pier of Bridge No. 3 were physically incompetent. This applied to all of the other complaints, Mr. Best said.

A Church's 54th Anniversary. The congregation of St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church at Carroll and Clinton streets, Brooklyn, will celebrate to-day the fifty-fourth anniversary of the organiza-tion of the parish. The church is a familiar South Brooklyn landmark. The Rev. Mr. Lebaugh was the first paster.

RETIRED BROKER CUTS THROAT

SAID TO HAVE BEEN CONNECTED FORMERLY WITH CHENEY & CO.

le Boarding in Columbia Heights, Brooklys -Lives Apart From His Wife, Who is Said to Be in the Employ of Charles Le Barbier of Le Barbier & Co.

Joseph M. Smith, who was recorded on the books of the Cumberland Street Hospital as a retired broker, attempted s in his room on the second floor of the fashionable boarding house at 138 Columbia Heights, Brooklyn, shortly after noon yesterday. He cut his throat in seven places, using three razors in making the cuts, which it was said last night would probably result in his death.

Smith is a tall, dignified man with gray whiskers, and is 58 years old. In June las he went to board with Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Wallace in the Columbia Heights house. Little seemed to be known about him. He had the best room in the house, the rear room on the second floor, which gave him good view across the East River and lower bay.

He and Mrs. Wallace went to church resterday morning. They returned home about 12:30 o'clock and when Mr. Wallace discovered that Mr. Smith had not been down stairs he went up to his room

"I knocked at his door" said Mr. Wallace. and I heard Mr. Smith moving in the room. Then he unlocked the door and fell into my arms. He was bleeding profusely." Dr. M. S. Searles from 115 Clinton street was called. Detective Mahon talked with Mr. Smith. The latter said he wasdespondent and wanted to die and that he had made his will, which, together with his securities, was locked up in the vaults of the National

Safe Deposit Company and of Vermile ye & Co. Mrs. Walter B. Harrington of West Baltimore street, Baltimore was his sister. The detective asked Mr. Smith if he was married and Mr. Smith replied that he was but that he and his wife had not lived to gether for some time. The detective asked where she was and he says that Mr. Smith told him and Dr. Searles that his wife, as told him and Dr. Searles that his wife, as he understood, was employed in some capacity by Charles Le Barbier, of LeBar-bier & Parker of Broadway, Manhattan. At the Cumberland Street Hospital, where Mr. Smith was taken, Dr. William H. Price, the house surgeon, said late last night that Mr. Smith had been suffering for some time from illness and this had

caused despondency.

At the Columbia Heights house Mrs.
Wallace said that Mr. Smith was in the habit of getting a late breakfast and never nabit of getting a late breakfast and never leaving the house until 10 or 11 o'clock in the morning, but that he returned home early in the afternoon. He was always supposed to be single. He appeared to be a man of means and always had plenty of money with him.

At the Columbia Heights house one of the boarders, said he had heard that Me.

boarders said he had heard that Mr. Smith had formerly been connected with Cheney Bros., silk manufacturers of New England. KEYMAKER'S STRANGE SUICIDE.

Escape of a Prisoner With a Wooden Key Model May Have Caused It. HARTFORD, Conn., Jan. 24.-Maxwell Mills, the keymaker who went to Springfield. Mass., a week ago in connection with the escape of William J. Reid, alias L. O. Hoffman, from the jail in that place, committed suicide about 6 o'clock this evening by shooting himself twice in the head. Mills, who was about 26 years old, was an expert keymaker, employed by W. H. Halli-

day of this city.
It was learned that Hoffman used wooden key to open several doors. A large brass key was recently made by Mills at Mr. Hailiday's place, a duplicate of one furnished from Springfield. Mills was taken to Springfield to see if he could identify any one there as the man who had the key made or throw any other light on the affair. He declared that the key but he did not recognize his customer.

Hoffman left a wooden key behind, which
the jail authorities could do nothing with. Mills took it and locked and unlocked all the doors through which Hoffman passed. Hoffman has been recaptured and returned to jail, but he will say nothing about his escape. It is not known if Mills's suicide had anything to do with the escape and recapture of Hoffman. He had been descaped receptly.

spondent recently. Strangled Herself With an Apron. Mrs. Philomena Schuethes, 49 years old, strangled herself yesterday in her home, 70 Washington street, Jamaica, L. I., with an apron, which she tied around her neck and to the knob of a door. She was found by her son John, 14 years old.

ARRESTS ANNIE GRAY. Capt. Handy Visits Ex-Policeman Uliner's

She had complained recently of severe

Capt. Handy made a call last night in West Forty-sixth street on Annie Gray. whom ex-Policeman Robert E. Ullner married last fall.

Four young women ran out of the house

and got away. One of these was a colored maid whom Detective Nelson caught after a chase down Eighth avenue. After he had taken her back to the house she ran away again. This time Detective Dukeshire chased her, but she got away. The detectives were in the house getting evidence when the captain came.

The Gray woman and one other inmate

300 IN LINE FOR A MEAL.

Sight at the Bowery Mission at 1 A. M. To-day-Coffee and Rolls Given Free. In the Bowery Mission's nightly distribution of rolls and coffee to homeless men more than five hundred men and boys were assembled at 170 clock this morning. They formed a double row, stretching for several blocks from in front of the mission around into Canal street. Most of them were poorly clad and the cold air of the

Murdered in a Quarrel Over 20 Cents. ALTOONA, Pa., Jan. 24.-Tony Waliardo to-day killed Pasquale Vene as a result of a quarrel over 20 cents' worth of pop. Waliardo and three companions entered the store of Giacco Fusco, son-in-law of Vene, and bought the pop. They drank it and then demanded their money back. The proprietor refused to give it to them. A quarrel ensued and on leaving the store Waliardo fired four shots at Vene. One of them penetrated his lung and death fol-

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Belated Christmas Tree Blaze Wreeks a Dressmaker's Flat and Workroome The spartments of Mrs. Minna Frome dressmaker, at 984 Sixth avenue, were gutted by fire last night. She cays that

she lost \$12,000 in dresses and other prop-

LOST HAIR SAVING HER CHILD.

erty. In saving her sixteen-monthsboy Mrs. Procee and her maid, Jessie Malg. were hurt. Mrs. Froese had a party last night in celebration of her birthday, which occurred last week, and the birthday of her seven-year-old boy, Edwin, which occurred yes-terday. For the occasion a tree which had

used at Christmas was decorated and lighted. The tree was in the back room of the seven room flat in which Mrs. Process of the seven room flat in which Mrs. Freese lives and does her work.

Mrs. Freese and her guests were dancing in the parior in the front of the house when the Christmas tree toppled over and blazed up. Mrs. Freese saw the blaze from the parior and rushed into a bedroom to save her baby, who was asleep. The fames had spread quickly, and before Mrs. Froese

had spread quickly, and before Mrs. Froese got to the room most of her hair had been burned from her head. In the meantime the nurse girl had picked up the baby and carried it out. Her hair was burned, too.

Mrs. Froese had a number of dresses in her rooms which made good fuel for the flames, so when the firemen arrived they had a stiff blaze to fight. The fire spread to the floor above and threatened to reach the fourth floor where Mrs. Martha Clark who is 84 years old, lives. Mrs. Clark who is 84 years old, lives. became excited and came to the window as though she intended to jump. The firemen raised a ladder and a policeman ushed up to Mrs. Clark's rooms. She was

Everything in Mrs. Froese's apartments was practically destroyed. She said that she had, besides the dresses, seven lace making machines, which were very valuable. In all she put her loss at \$12,000, but she said she was insured for \$8,500. She also said that her pocketbook, containing \$35, and a bank containing \$7, which belonged to her boy, were stolen. The police put the dam-

age at \$2,000. Proposed State Homes for Incbriates. ALBANY, Jan. 24.—The establishment of State homes for inebriates, to take care of this class of the State's unfortunates, is practically recommended by the State Prison Commission in its annual report to the Legislature. The commission contends that drunkenness should not be treated as a

Actors' Union Ill Treated by Unions. Business Agent William Barry of the Actors' Protective Union, composed of variety actors, notified all the other unions yesterday that if they employ non-union actors at any of their entertainments, he will call out all the union men. in his notification that some of the unions had been employing non-union actors.

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BULKLEY.—On Sunday morning, Jan. 24, 1904 Isabel Cassard, beloved wife of Henry W Bulkley.
Funeral services at her late residence, 128 Har

rison st., East Orange, N. J., on Tuesday, Jan.

FEARING .- At his residence, 690 Park av., on Saturday morning, Jan. 23, after a Bong illness, William Henry Pearing, son of the late Charles Nye and Mary Swan Fearing, in the fist year of his age. Funeral services will be held at the University Presbyterian Church, corner of University

past 12 o'clock. Interment at Woodlawn ABATUT.-At his residence, 461 West 22d st. George P. Labatut, in his 77th year. Puneral services at St. Francis Xavier Church, West 16th st., on Monday, at 10 o'clock. In-

place and Tenth st., on Mon day, Jan. 25, at hal

terment private. PALMER.—On Friday, Jan. 22, at Binghamton, N. Y., Margaret B., wife of S. T. Palmer of Hawley, Pa., and daughter of the late Rev F. F. Judd.

TOOTHE .- On Jan. 24, at the Fifth Avenue Hotel William Toothe, in the 73d year of his age. Notice of funeral hereafter. WADDELL .- Suddenly, at his residence, in New York city, Jan. 24, 1904, in his 65th year, D. Waddell, late Colonel of the Eleventh Illi ols Infantry and son of the late W. Coventry

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